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On 30 October 1953, the Flugplatz Kaserne in Schoenwalde quartered about 1,500 men. On 19 October, 10 trucks each occupied by four men wearing red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] passed through Schoenwalde from the south. At about 7:15 p.m., seven trucks, each occupied by about 10 men and towing a 37-mm AA gun, passed through the town from the direction of the Flugplatz Kaserne. From 19 to 30 October, no training activity was observed in the barracks area. On 22 October, [redacted] heard noise of engines and commands from the eastern section of the barracks installation. On 26 and 29 October, in the woods west of the barracks installation, about 20 men constructed a new target range, about 150 meters long, in addition to the four target ranges, which were about 100 meters long. On 29 October, 30 men constructed a barbed wire fence, about 2 meters high, which ran from the southern end of the board fence to the east and crossed the airfield in a straight line about 200 meters south of the hangars. Three sentries with submachine guns stood guard along the fence at intervals of about 200 meters. Three men with a machine gun were observed in the AAA emplacements, which were about 60 meters outside the fence. There were no guns. From 19 to 30 October, about 12 driving-school vehicles [redacted] were observed in, and in the wooded area around, Schoenwalde. Motor vehicles observed travelling in the area [redacted]

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Comment.

[redacted] the present information on the occupation by units of the 31st AAA Div of the Flugplatz Kaserne tends to indicate that the installation was still occupied by the two abovementioned units prior to late 1953 October. [redacted], The fence was possibly constructed to partition the billets of these units.

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